

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A job management apparatus that manages statuses of print jobs in conformity with International Standard ISO/IEC10175-1, wherein statuses under management include statuses defined by the International Standard and a 'proof printing held' status uniquely set for proof printing, said job management apparatus comprising:

a holding module that shifts a status of a print job with attribute information representing proof printing to the 'proof printing held' status after conclusion of a preset cycle of proof printing and deletion of the attribute information; and

a cancellation module that shifts the print job from the 'proof printing held' status to a printable status in response to an externally input printing instruction.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): A job management apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein said cancellation module deletes the attribute information under a predetermined condition and carries out the shift.

Claim 4 (Original): A job management apparatus in accordance with claim 3, wherein the predetermined condition is input of a main printing instruction.

Claim 5 (Original): A job management apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the print job has attribute information representing a specified number of copies to be printed, and

either one of said holding module and said cancellation module updates the attribute information representing the number of copies to be printed by execution of proof printing, so as to attain the specified number of copies including a proof.

Claims 6-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A job management method that manages a status of a print job to be executed with a printing apparatus, said job management method comprising the steps of:

shifting a status of a print job with attribute information representing proof printing to a 'proof printing held' status after conclusion of a preset cycle of proof printing and deletion of the attribute information; and

shifting the print job from the 'proof printing held' status to a printable status in response to an externally input printing instruction.

Claims 14 and 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A recording medium in which a program for managing a status of a print job to be executed with a printing apparatus is recorded in a computer readable manner, said program causing a computer to attain the functions of:

shifting a status of a print job with attribute information representing proof printing to a 'proof printing held' status after conclusion of a preset cycle of proof printing and deletion of the attribute information; and

shifting the print job from the 'proof printing held' status to a printable status in response to an externally input printing instruction.

Claims 17 and 18 (Canceled).